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**AIR DISTRICT NOW ACCEPTING
NOMINATIONS FOR *EXEMPLAR* AWARDS**

Victorville -- The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) is seeking nominations for its 2003/2004 *Exemplar* Awards, which recognize outstanding contributions toward the prevention or control of air pollution in the High Desert.

Eligible candidates include local businesses, industries, schools, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to clean air through the development of voluntary air pollution prevention or control activities/projects within the MDAQMD's jurisdiction, which includes San Bernardino County's High Desert and Blythe in Riverside County. Nominated individuals must reside within District boundaries

In 2003, two local entities were selected to receive the MDAQMD's highest honor. The National Training Center and Fort Irwin earned a record fourth *Exemplar* for making significant enhancements to their multi-year dust mitigation program, which was launched in 1997. The City of Victorville's Public Works Department was recognized for opening the City's second refueling station for compressed natural gas, the cleanest burning motor fuel on

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the market today.

Nominations must be postmarked or received at MDAQMD offices by Friday, August 20 at 5:00 P.M. The *Exemplar* Awards will be presented in association with National Pollution Prevention Week, September 20-26. To receive a Nomination Packet, or for more information, contact the MDAQMD's Community Relations & Education Office at (760) 245-1661, ext. 6104. The Packet is also available at the MDAQMD's website at **www.mdaqmd.ca.gov**.

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